

In the Drawings:

Please amend the drawings as follows:

Please add the attached new drawing sheet that includes new Figure 18A.

Attached: New Drawing Sheet - Fig. 18A.

REMARKS

E-mail correspondence

E-mails pertaining to the present application were exchanged between Examiner James Hewitt and Applicant's attorney, Ken Smith, on April 6 and April 7, 2010. Ken Smith reviewed the file history of the present application on PAIR on June 18, 2010 and found that copies of these e-mails do not appear to have been placed in the file of the application. Copies of these e-mails are attached to this amendment to ensure that the e-mail correspondence is in the file of the present application.

Amendments to the Drawings and Specification

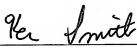
The Notice of Allowance requires the drawings to be amended to show the subject matter of new claim 52 that is presented in the Examiner's Amendment. New Fig. 18A illustrates a two-ferrule fitting. Fig. 18A is based on Fig. 16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,629,708, which is incorporated by reference in the present application. Paragraph 84 of the present application states that "the clamped coupling is also usable with a two-ferrule system". No new matter has been added to the present application by adding new Fig. 18A.

The specification is amended to refer to new Fig. 18A and to indicate that U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/469,549 has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,629,708. No new matter has been added by the amendments to the specification.

The Applicant believes that this case remains in condition for issuance and no additional fees are due. However, if it is found that any additional fees are due, please charge deposit account number 03-0172, order number 22188/07113.

Respectfully submitted,

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